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PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN

THIS, THEN, IS THE TRAGEDY

TO BEGIN AS MAN...



...AND END AS MONSTER!



While attending a demonstration in radiology, student PETER PARKER was bitten by a spider which had accidentally been exposed to RADIOACTIVE RAYS. Through a miracle of science, Peter soon found that he had GAINED the arachnid's powers...and had, in effect, become a human spider.

Stan Lee PRESENTS THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN!

STRIPPING A CAR IS ONE OF THOSE URBAN PASTTIMES THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO GO SMOOTHLY, WITHOUT A HITCH. IN SECONDS A PRODUCT OF DETROIT'S FINEST ENGINEERS IS REDUCED TO ITS BASIC COMPONENTS AND CARTED OFF INTO THE NIGHT.

THE POLICE ARE USUALLY TOO BUSY WITH OTHER THINGS, AND THE PARTS ARE HARD TO TRACE.

HISSESS

LEAPIN' OUTTA THE NIGHT, IT'S THAT WALL-CRAWLIN' FREAK...

SPIDER-MAN!??

WHICH MAKES IT A LUCRATIVE, LOW-RISK JOB WITH FEW SURPRISES...EXCEPT ON NIGHTS LIKE THIS!

The TERRIBLE TURNABOUT!

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THE PENNY-ANTE PURLOINERS OF STOLEN CAR PARTS PILE ON THE DIMLY SEEN INTRUDER...



TIME AND AGAIN HEAVY, SCALED HANDS CLUB FRAIL FLESH! TIME AND AGAIN A SNAKING TAIL SWIPES, HURLING BODIES ASIDE!

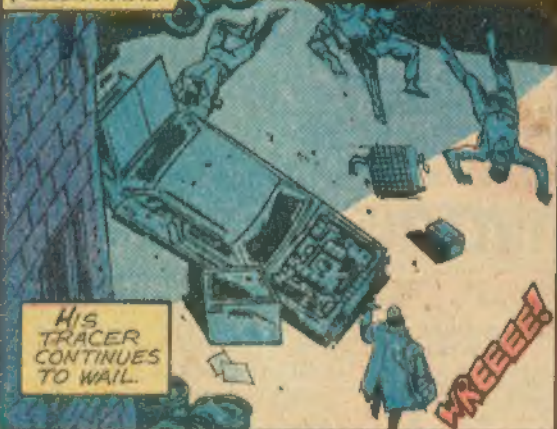


AND, TIME AND AGAIN, RED BLAZING SERPENT EYES FREEZE THE BLOOD...





ASKING THE CABBIE TO WAIT, DR. CURTIS CONNORS ADVANCES INTO THE SHADOWED ALLEYWAY...



HE IS NOT TERRIBLY SURPRISED AT WHAT HE FINDS!

THERE, ON THE ROOFTOP! I KNEW HE WAS HERE! MY TRACER IS ATTUNED TO HIS ENERVATOR-IRRADIATED BLOOD! THERE COULD BE NO MISTAKE!



WHILE CURING ME OF THE ENERGY CHARGE THAT HAD TURNED ME INTO THE MONSTROUS LIZARD, SPIDER-MAN ABSORBED RADIO-ACTIVE FEEDBACK FROM A PORTABLE ENERVATOR! THE RAYS AFFECTED HIS BLOOD! I TRIED TO WARN HIM, BUT THE PSYCHOLOGICAL CHANGE HAD ALREADY BEGUN, MAKING HIM SAVAGE, UNWILLING TO LISTEN!



THEN, DURING HIS BATTLE WITH THE SCHIZOID-MAN, THE ACTUAL PHYSICAL CHANGE BEGAN! AFTER ALMOST KILLING HIS HELPLESS ORPONENT, SPIDER-MAN FLED THE EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AS THE BRUTAL BESTIAL...

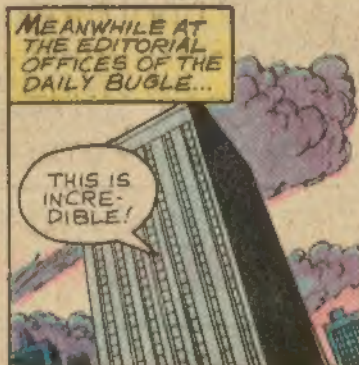
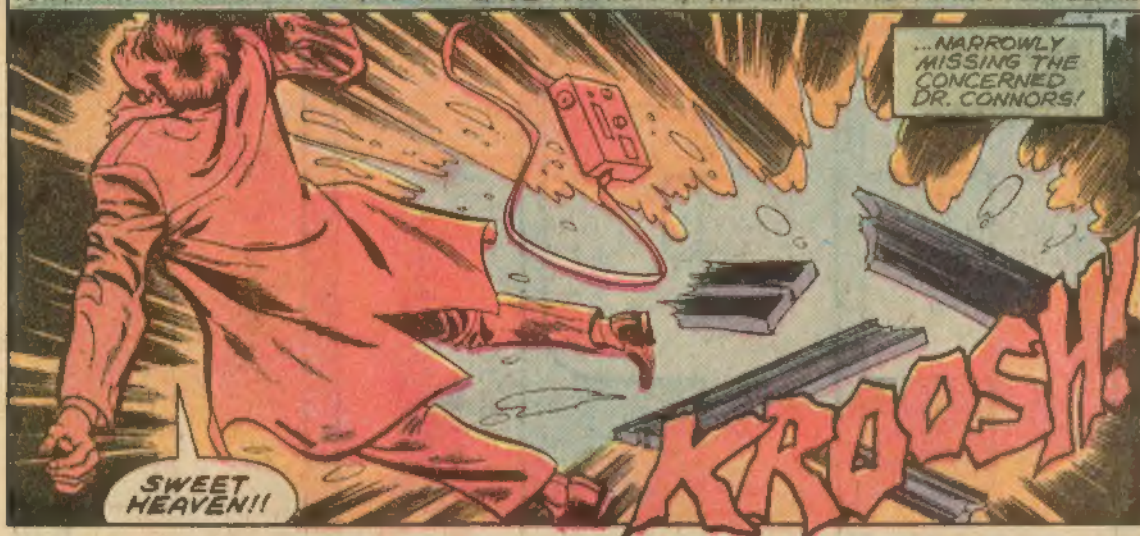
SPIDER-LIZARD!

LONG AGO I INFLICTED THE LIZARD-CURSE UPON MYSELF DURING AN EXPERIMENTAL ATTEMPT TO REGENERATE MY MISSING ARM--AND NOW SPIDER-MAN IS SUFFERING FROM MY FOLLY, I'VE GOT TO FREE HIM OF THE CURSE--AS HE FREED ME!



AS CURT CONNORS SUFFERS PANGS OF REMORSE, HIS SAVAGE PREY BENDS ITS STRENGTH AGAINST AN ENORMOUS WATER TOWER...

AND, WITHOUT WARNING--OR, PERHAPS, AS A WARNING, THE GIANT WATER TANK TOPPLES...



HOWEVER, SOME HOURS LATER, THE BUGLE'S COMPETITION, THE DAILY GLOBE, HAS PAID SOMEWHAT MORE ATTENTION TO ITS INCOMING WIRE SERVICE REPORTS...



HAH! THIS STORY IS GONNA SELL PAPERS BY THE THOUSANDS! AND I HEAR THE DAILY BUGLE HASN'T EVEN PICKED UP ON IT!

HERE'S THE PROOF FOR THE MORNING EDITION'S FRONT PAGE, MR. BUSHKIN!



BARNEY BUSHKIN EXHALES SLOWLY! AS CITY EDITOR FOR THE DAILY GLOBE HE KNOWS HOT COPY WHEN HE SEES IT...

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AND THIS STORY IS WHITE-HOT!

THE DAILY GLOBE

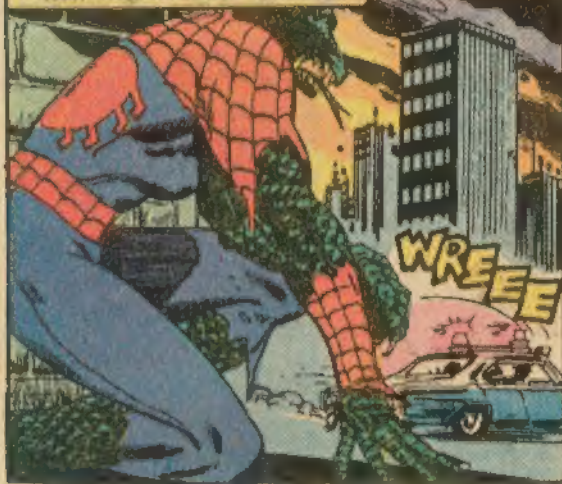
SPIDER LIZARD TERRORIZES MANHATTAN

CREATED AT LAR

BY CHRIS ROGAN
"commotion" and
turned bleeding in
the mouth.
He was taken to

TERRIFIC! THESE PHOTOS ARE PULITZER PRIZE MATERIAL! TOO BAD THEY COULDN'T HAVE BEEN PARKER'S! I WONDER WHERE THE KID'S AT?

THE "KID", AT THIS MOMENT, CROUCHS IN THE SHADOWS, HIDING FROM THE DAWN AND FROM THE WAILING SIRENS!



THE CREATURE IS CONFUSED, CONFLICTING EMOTIONS RUN RIOT IN ITS TIRED BRAIN.



IT UNDERSTANDS NEITHER WHERE IT HAS COME FROM, NOR WHY IT IS HERE.

FACES SWIM IN THE DIM FOREFRONT OF THE CREATURE'S CONSCIOUSNESS-- SWEET FACES. GENTLE, CONCERNED FACES.



THERE ARE NAMES TO GO WITH THE FACES: MARY JANE WATSON, MAY PARKER, PETER PARKER, CURTIS CONNORS.

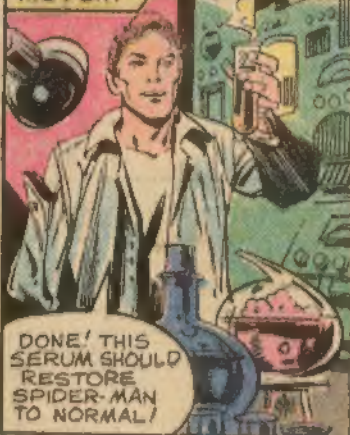
THE CREATURE DOES NOT KNOW THE NAMES, BUT THE FACES ANGER HIM.

LIKE THE SIRENS, THEY SEEM TO PURSUE THE CREATURE THROUGH ITS WAKING NIGHTMARE.

DAWN PAINTS GOLDEN THE CAMPUS OF EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY...



THERE, HAVING WORKED THROUGH THE NIGHT IN HIS BIOCHEMISTRY LAB, CURTIS ACHIEVES THE CHEMICAL SYNTHESIS HE HAS BEEN SEARCHING FOR!



DONE! THIS SERUM SHOULD RESTORE SPIDER-MAN TO NORMAL!

IT'S A DERIVATIVE OF THE ANTI-LIZARD FORMULA SPIDER-MAN ONCE USED ON ME, ADAPTED TO HIS UNIQUE BIOLOGY!



THE MANHUNT CONTINUES FOR THE STRANGE SPIDER-LIZARD ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE...

NOW... IF ONLY I CAN GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO USE IT!



EAST
TWELFTH
STREET...

DID YOU HEAR THE
NEWS, MRS. RODRIGUEZ?
THERE'S A MONSTER
LOOSE IN OUR NEIGH-
BORHOOD, THEY SAY!

SOP WHAT
ELSE IS
NEW, MRS.
KLEIN?

BELOW,
THE
TRASH
STIRS...



... AS THE SPIDER-
LIZARD TURNS IN FIT-
FUL SLEEP, ITS HIDE-
OUS FORM IS HIDDEN
FROM SIGHT NO LONGER.

EEEEEEEEEEEEEE

SCREAMS
LIKE SIRENS,
FROM ABOVE,
WAKE THE
CREATURE!



AND THE
HUNT IS ON!

COMIN'
FROM THAT
ALLEY,
REILLY! STOP
THE CAR!



THE TWO OFFICERS HAVE
BEEN ON THE FORCE TOO LONG
TO KNOW THERE IS NO GLORY
IN DYING HEROES. THEY
SEND OUT A CALL FOR HELP,
AND ADVANCE WARILY...

SOMEONE--
OR SOMETHING
--IN THE
SHADOWS,
REILLY!

COULD BE
WHAT WE'RE
LOOKING FOR,
LIEUTENANT!



REILLY, LOOK
OUT FOR ITS
TAIL! UNGHH!

THEN IT
IS HIM!

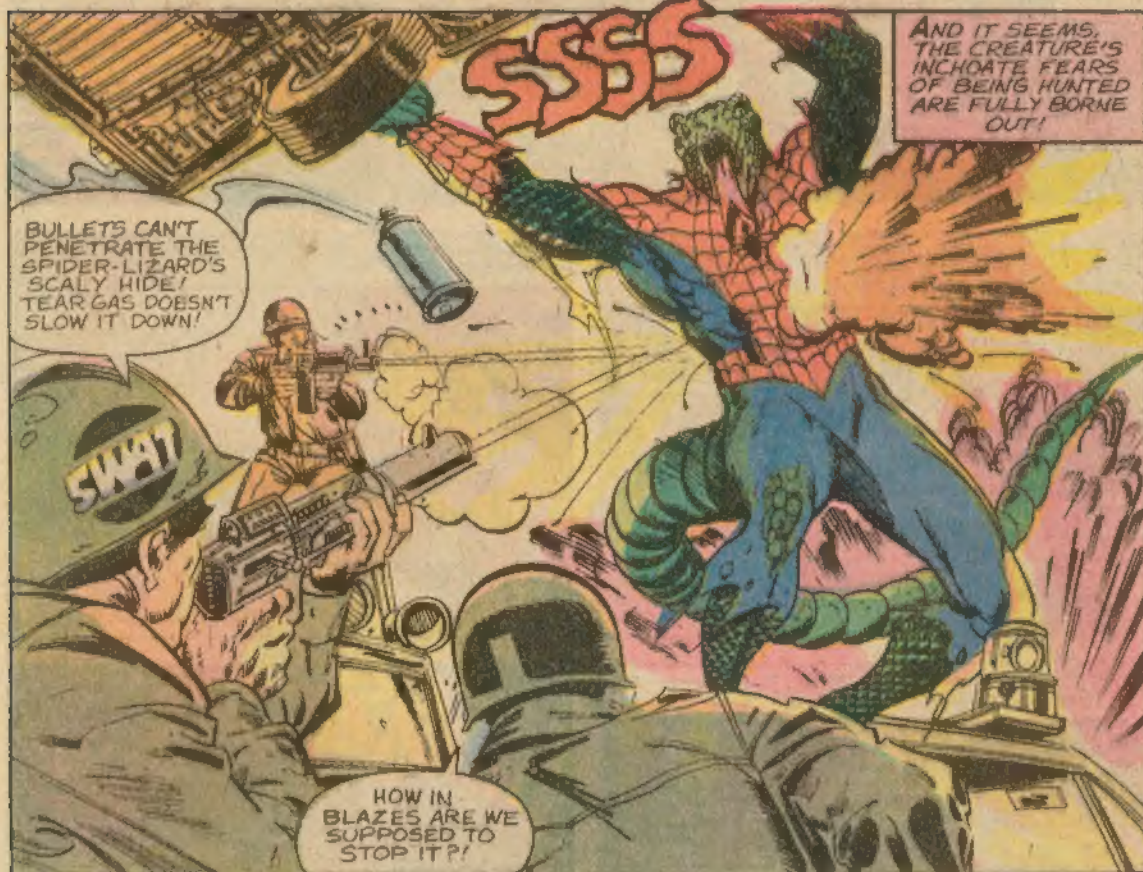


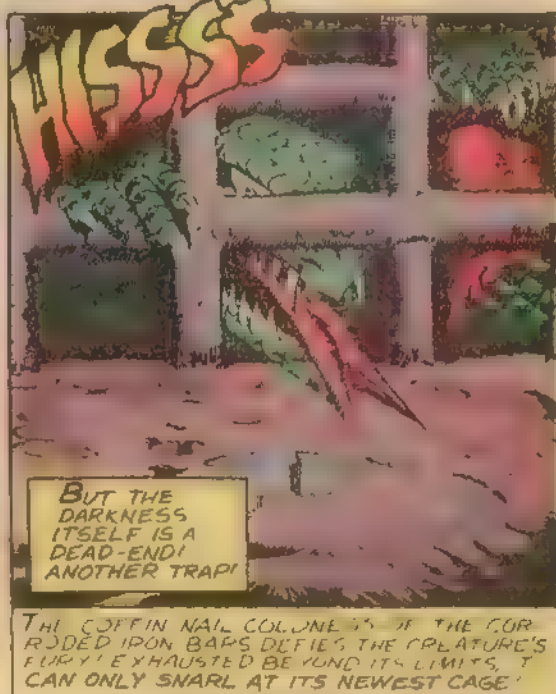
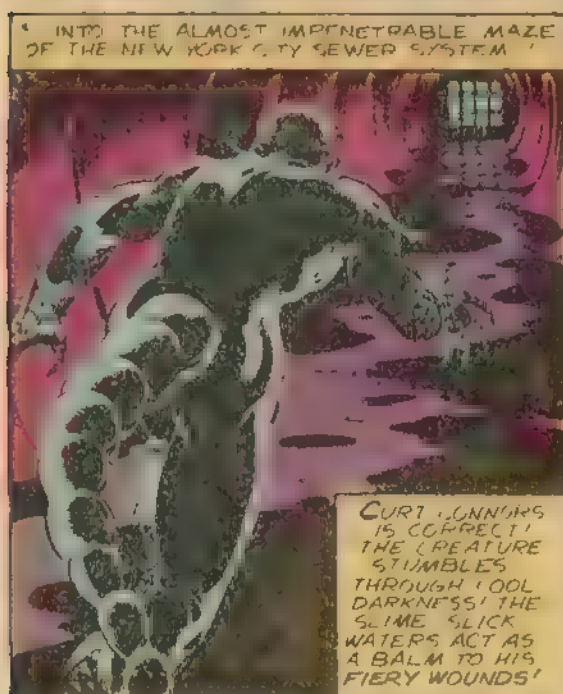
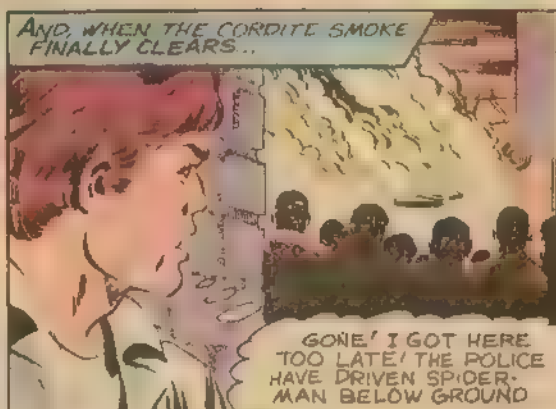
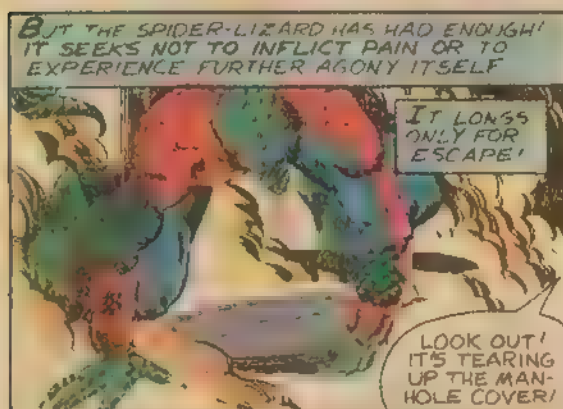
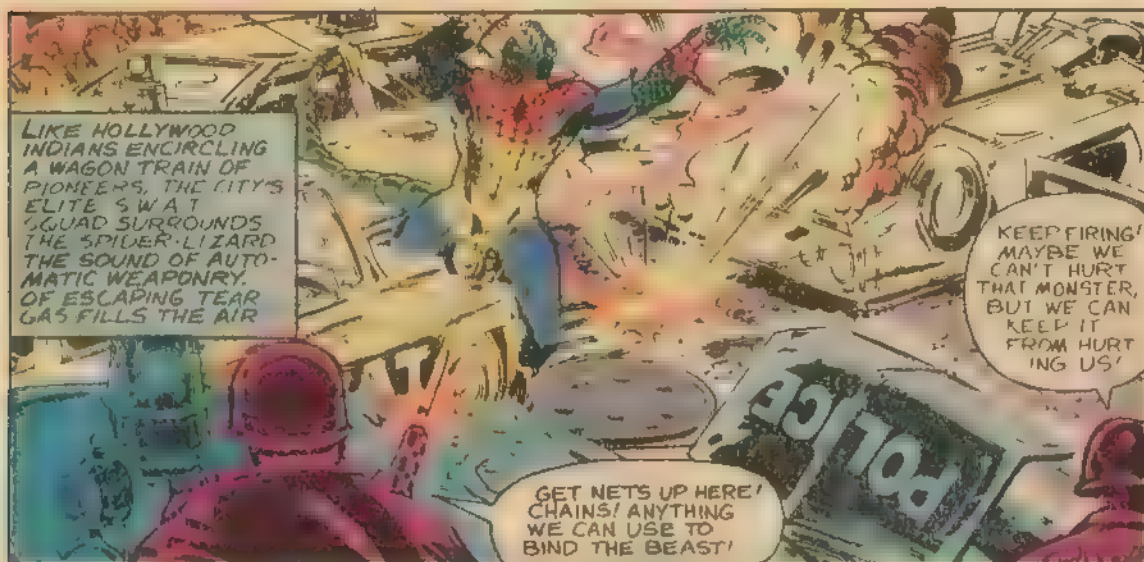
HSSSSSS

POW!
PTOW!

THE
SPIDER
LIZARD!

SHOOT! WE'VE
GOTTA HOLD HIM
TILL HELP COMES!





THEN THE CREATURE SENSES THAT IT IS NOT ALONE IN ITS FOUL- SMELLING PHOSPHORESCENTLY-ILLUMINATED HOLE!

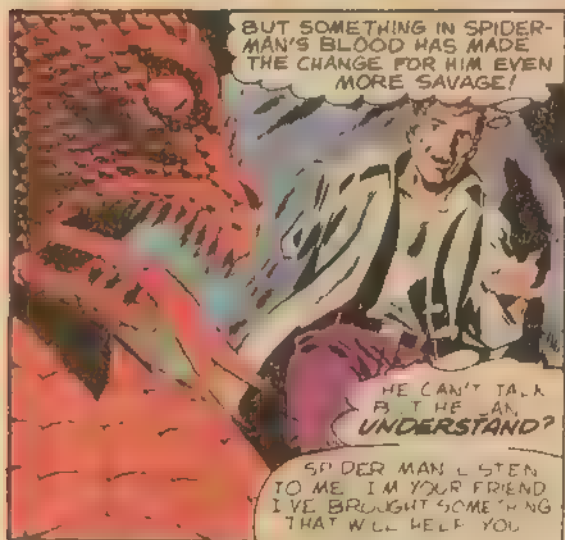


SPIDER-MAN? IT'S ME, CURT CONNORS!



LORD! IS--IS THAT HOW I APPEAR TO OTHERS WHEN I BECOME THE LIZARD? IT'S HORRIBLE! GHASTLY!

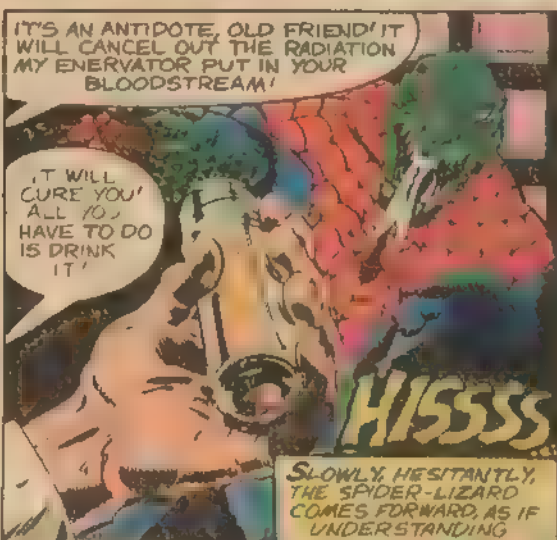
BUT SOMETHING IN SPIDER-MAN'S BLOOD HAS MADE THE CHANGE FOR HIM EVEN MORE SAVAGE!



HE CAN'T TALK BUT HE CAN UNDERSTAND?

SPIDER MAN LISTEN TO ME. I'M YOUR FRIEND I'VE BROUGHT SOMETHING THAT WILL HELP YOU

IT'S AN ANTIDOTE, OLD FRIEND! IT WILL CANCEL OUT THE RADIATION MY ENERVATOR PUT IN YOUR BLOODSTREAM!



IT WILL CURE YOU! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS DRINK IT!

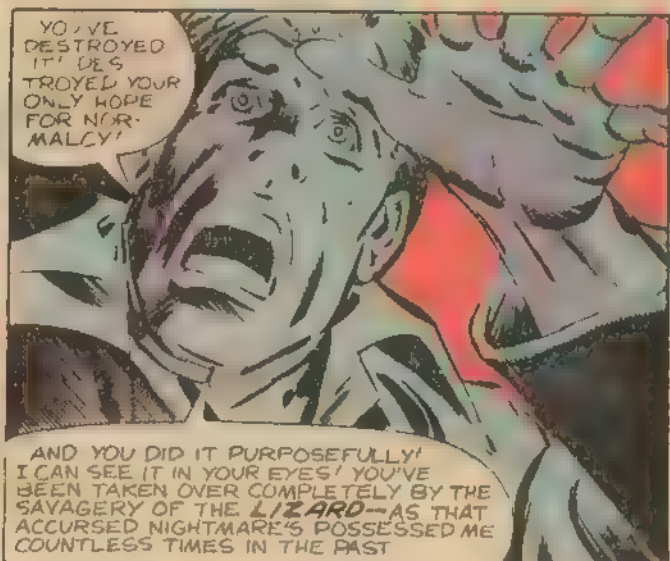
SLOWLY, HESITANTLY, THE SPIDER-LIZARD COMES FORWARD, AS IF UNDERSTANDING

THEN



THE SERUM!!

YOU'VE DESTROYED IT! YOU'VE DESTROYED YOUR ONLY HOPE FOR NORMALCY!



AND YOU DID IT PURPOSEFULLY! I CAN SEE IT IN YOUR EYES! YOU'VE BEEN TAKEN OVER COMPLETELY BY THE SAVAGERY OF THE LIZARD--AS THAT ACCURSED NIGHTMARE'S POSSESSED ME COUNTLESS TIMES IN THE PAST

A comic book panel showing Spider-Man in a dark, rocky environment. He is crouched and looking towards the right. A large, green, scaly hand is reaching out from the right side of the frame. The background is dark and textured.

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IS-IS THERE ANY OF THE MAN LEFT INSIDE YOU? CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING??

SSAAAAA

A comic book panel showing Spider-Man in a dark, rocky environment. He is crouched on the left, looking towards the right. On the right, a large, green, scaly Lizard is lunging forward with its mouth open, showing sharp teeth. The background is dark and textured. There are two speech bubbles and a large sound effect at the bottom.

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HIMSELF HUNTED
BY HIS PREY!

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SUCH AS IT CAN
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HAVING KNOWN
BEFORE! THE
POWER TO CRUSH,
TO DESTROY

HISSSSSS

I... I... I...
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THE CREATURE CANNOT UNDERSTAND NOW WHY IT
RAN FROM SUCH PITIFUL PALE-SKINNED PURSUERS
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SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN

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Hey, Bill!

You blew the chronology right at the start of PPTSS #32. In PPTSS #29, Peter told Randy Vale that he had to finish his gym credit before he could start grad school. That night (PPTSS #'s 30 & 31) came the final fight with Carrion. Then, the very next day, Pete starts grad school! You should have left a gap of at least a week to allow for the events in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #189-192, which included Pete's receiving his diploma.

You also state that Pete hadn't eaten since the breakfast Daredevil fixed for him after their tussle with the Masked Merauder (PPTSS #28-29). Yet, consider: Pete went home that morning and found his room trashed. He met Hector Ayala at the library, got stomped by Carrion, woke up in the infirmary, went through another day, and then fought Carrion again. Are you trying to tell us that he didn't eat at all either day?

By the way, what ever happened to the guy who saved Pete's and Mary Jane's lives in PPTSS #11?

I see some interesting changes in Pete's life in all three of his mags. Hopefully you can mesh them together decently. Overall, your stories are pretty good—it's the details I pick apart. Keep on pluggin'!

Vincent Burch
Seattle, Washington

You're right about Pete's missing a lot of meals, Vince, but not on target regarding his grad school beginnings. We never said he was beginning graduate studies, merely that he was beginning his *teaching assistantship* which is a prerequisite for our hero if he wishes to earn the stipend granted by Empire State University for TAs. His actual classwork starts this ish. As for the boy who saved Pete and MJ in PPTSS #11, doctors at Manhattan South Med Center say he's coming along just fine. Ma thanks you for your concern, Mr. B.

Dear Bill & Jim,

PPTSS #32 was your most important effort to date. The departure of so many older supporting characters (MJ in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, Hector Ayala, Holly Gills, Flash Thompson and Sha Shan) and the introduction of new ones (April Maye in AMAZING #194, Marcy Kane and Dr. Sloan) was long over due. Pete's life is on the move again. I hope the housecleaning isn't over yet.

Jim Mooney's efforts on Spider-Man have been excellent. I can't remember when I've enjoyed Spidey art more since the days of John Romita and Gil Kane in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. Good artwork is as important to this mag as good writing.

I have one question: Will we be seeing the "cloned" Gwen Stacy, in either PPTSS or AMAZING, in the near future?

WLW, Jr.
Cleveland, Ohio

We've no plans to return Gwen II, WLW. We kind of feel that's a chapter in Pete's life that's over. The book's closed on Peter and Gwen's relationship. It may reopen, but only with good reason.

Dear Marvel,

PPTSS #32 was good. I thought for sure that the mysterious reptile creature was Stegion, Spidey's old dinosaur-man foe. However, the Iguana looks interesting. The presence of Curt Connors is also appreciated. By the way, didn't Harry Osborn inherit his father's laboratory and business? Why not have Harry turn over control to Curt Connors, this would be a great way to keep the good Doctor in the stories. Marcy Kane is also a nice addition, but don't turn her into another Gwen Stacy. Her reaction to Pete this ish was somewhat reminiscent of Gwen's initial attitude towards our hero.

The art, by the way, is excellent. Mooney's full-page panels are great. Most of all, the covers have been excellent. Keep it up!

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Dear People,

After taking a month and a half off from letter writing, it seems proper that I start again by writing to PPTSS, the mag that I won my coveted "No Prize" from for guessing the true identity of the cadaverous Carrion. Sure, the Carrion epic was a disaster, but PPTSS #32 was so great a return to normalcy. For starters, we've got the first appearance of our hero with 5 o'clock shadow. Then we got the old, overused, yet still entertaining "hiding the costume from a friend" routine. The more things change, the more they stay the same.

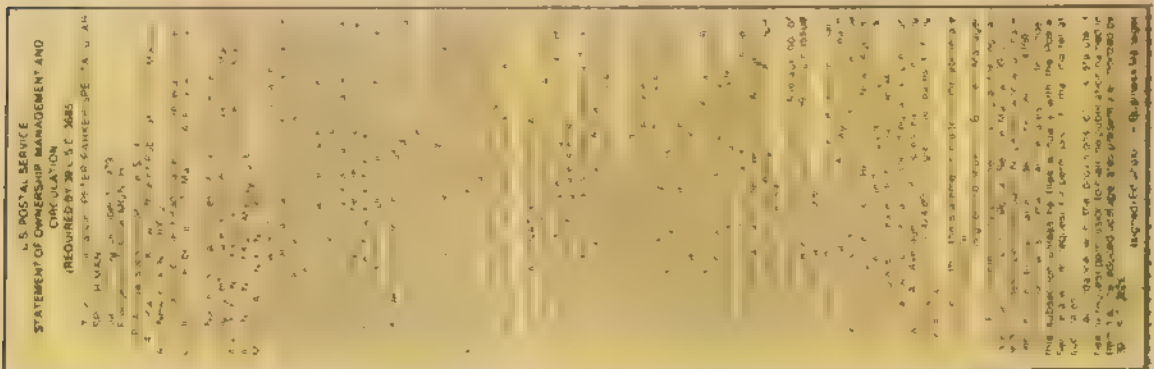
The supporting cast is changing, a definite plus. This mag should become something of a "Spider-Man Family" with the oversized and overused supporting cast. Then, as if it weren't enough, that some of the cast were departing, we get two new characters and the reintroduction to Curt Connors. Maybe you could cure Connors of his Lizard tendencies and make him a regular member of the cast.

Kudos to all, and thanks for my No Prize.

Jon Green

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You're welcome, Jon. As for curing Doc Connors, after what we've done to a certain Living Vampire in ish #38, we think further curing of our hero's villains gallery would be somewhat premature. But anything's possible.





SUDDENLY
SOMETHING
HALTS THE
CREATURE!

A FEELING, PERHAPS! A
SENSE OF SOMETHING THIS
WORDLESS BEAST CANNOT
EXPLAIN!



A TWINGE

OF GUILT? NO. THE CREA-
TURE IS BEYOND HUMAN
MORALITY. CONSCIENCE HAS
NO PLACE IN ITS DIM CON-
SCIOUSNESS. BUT, WHAT THEN?



HISSSSSS

WHUMP!

UNGGHH!



HE STOPPED!
HE COULD
HAVE KILLED
ME, CRUSHED
ME LIKE AN
ANT--!

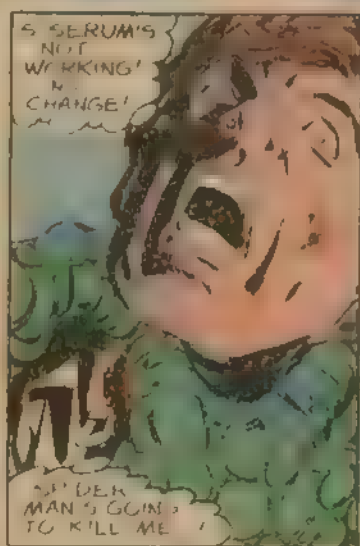
BUT HE
STOPPED! THAT
MEANS THERE'S STILL
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MAN BURIED DEEP
INSIDE THE FRAME
OF THE MONSTER!
A MIND THAT CAN
STILL BE REACHED

WITH A SECOND VIAL OF SERUM
I SECRETED INSIDE MY BELT.
ANTICIPATING HE MIGHT DESTROY
THE FIRST ONE



SPANG

HISSSSSS



MY MASK GONE! MY COSTUME IN TATTERS! DOC CONNORS, WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE? WHAT'S GOING ON??

IT'S A LONG STORY, SPIDER-MAN! FOR A TIME, YOU BECAME MY WORST NIGHTMARE! BUT IT'S OVER NOW, YOU'RE BACK TO NORMAL!

NO NEED TO COVER YOUR FACE, SON-- IT'S TOO DARK FOR ME TO SEE YOU CLEARLY DOWN HERE... NOT THAT I'D EVER REVEAL YOUR SECRET EVEN WERE IT KNOWN TO ME!

I- I KNOW THAT, DOC! IT'S NOT YOU I DON'T TRUST

I DON'T KNOW... MAYBE IT'S ME!

THEN, AS THE DAZED DUO SEARCH FOR A WAY OUT OF THE SEWER

DOC- THAT SOUND, LIKE THE RUSHING OF

WATER! THE POLICE CHASED THE SPIDER LIZARD DOWN INTO THE SEWERS- NOW THEY'RE TRYING TO FLOOD HIM OUT!

THE MONSTER YOU'D BECOME IS WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE! THEY MEAN TO DROWN ANYTHING DOWN HERE!

MEANING HALF A MILLION RATS-- AND US! SORRY I GOT YOU INTO THIS, DOC!

I- I THINK IT WAS THE OTHER WAY AROUND SPIDER-MAN!

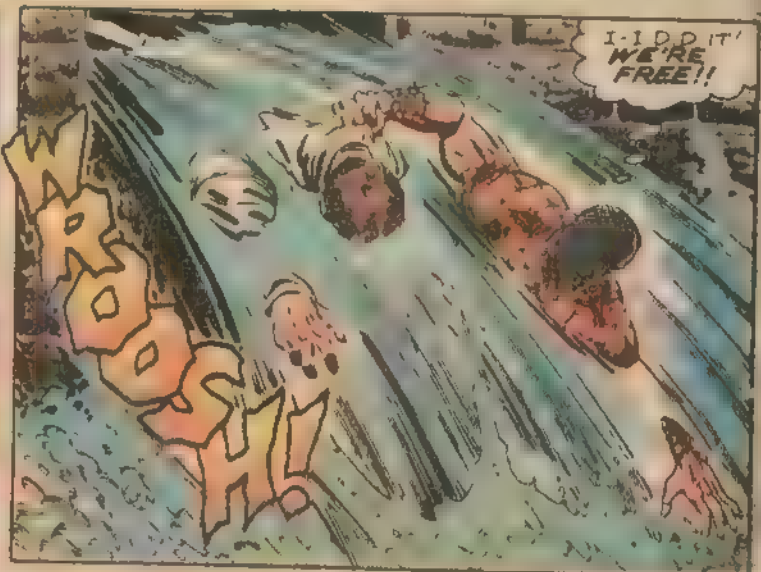
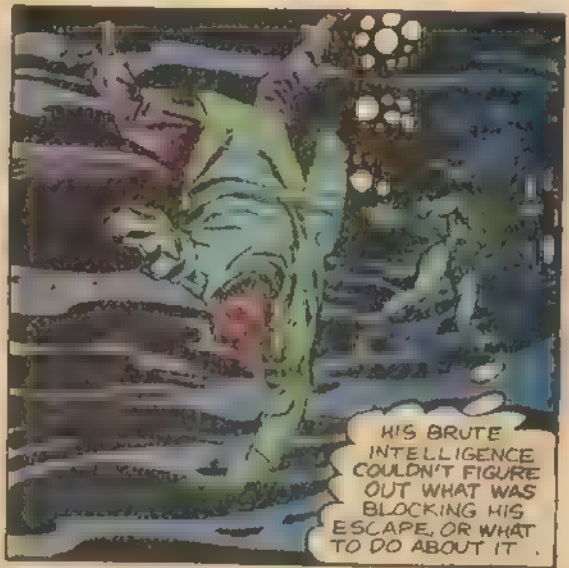
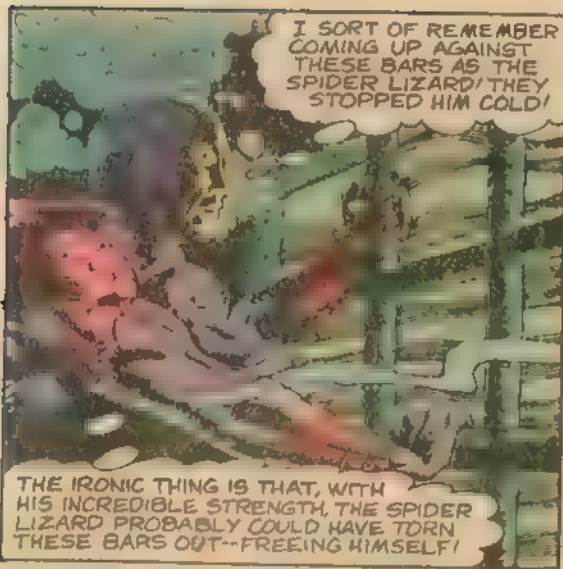
NUTS! YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE TO SAVE MINE, DOC!

I'D BE AN INGRATE IF I LET US DIE NOW!

THEY SWIM THROUGH FOUL FETID DARKNESS, CARRIED BY THE FLOOD

...UNTIL STOPPED, AS BEFORE, BY THE CONFINES OF A CAGE THAT COULD WELL BECOME THEIR COFFIN!

IRON BARS! PROBABLY MEANT TO KEEP ANYBODY FROM WANDERING INTO THE SEWERS- BUT ALSO KEEPING US FROM GETTING OUT!



BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX:

Okay, Omniscient Orbs, here's the news you've been waiting for! The second sensational, senses-staggering Captain America TV spectacular is in the final stages of production, and you can catch it early in January! We don't know the exact date, but it'll be shown on CBS-TV, two hours prime time, so watch the tv listings, hear? I'm cluing you way in advance 'cause no excuses will be accepted if you miss it! Anyone who blows it will just have to answer to the Red Skull. I've already seen the script, and I can tell you it's gotta be one of the most exciting, adult, suspense-packed super-spectaculars you've ever marvelled at! And wait! If you see the scene where Cap, in his cycle, goes over a mile-high cliff towards certain death, only to suddenly — aw, why give it away? Suffice

it to say, it's the greatest stuntman shot of the year! That's Captain America — all new — all live — prime time — on CBS-TV — early in January! We'll be lookin' for you!

Incidentally, my newest opus, "The Best of the Worst" is going such great guns at bookstores everywhere that I may have to do a sequel, "The Worst of the Best"! I imagine what comes next: "The Bloddest of the Small"! "The Hottest of the Cold"! "The Goodest of the Bad"! And you thought I couldn't be serious!

Finally — I've received lots of letters lately asking for my views on religion. While I don't feel I oughta use this funky little forum to air my own opinions about such an extremely personal matter, there is one general, non-denominational viewpoint I'd like to mention.

It's pretty hard for me to believe that the ever-unfolding miracle of the universe — the awesome cycle of birth, and life, and death — the myriad mysteries of nature — and the wonders contained in every atom, every molecule, every living cell in every living creature, just happened to occur by chance! I believe that there is some entity, far wiser and far mightier than we. I feel there must be some divine purpose, some unfathomable plan behind the mystic fabric of mortal existence. And I believe that's about as stuffy and pontifical as I ever wanna sound! So, till we meet again, remember those immortal words of Irving Forbush: "Shuddup awreddy!"

Excelsior!

Stan

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST:

- **MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE** #61 — Two Thing teams with Goliath of the Guardians of the Galaxy to battle the menace called... *Her!*
- **SHOGUN WARRIORS** #14 — The final showdown with Doctor Demonsco!
- **SPIDER-WOMAN** #24 — The Gamesman returns to trap Spider-Woman in the Doomslay Room!
- **DAREDEVIL** #163 — The Hulk guest stars! Possibly the greatest battle in Marvel history!
- **ROM, SPACEKNIGHT** #4 — The Spaceknight fights Firefall, Champion of the Wraiths!
- **SPIDEY SUPER STORIES** #46 — Spidey faces Dr. Doom and the Silver Surfer!
- **MARVEL SUPER HEROES** #87 — Re-presenting Hulk #136. The Hulk vs. Kang, guest-starring the Phantom Eagle!
- **SPIDER-MAN** #202 — Spider-Man confronts the Punisher!
- **CAPTAIN AMERICA** #243 — "The Coming of Adonis!"
- **THOR** #293 — Are you ready for this? Thor dons battle with... the Eye of Odin!
- **MICRONAUTS** #16 — The Fantastic Four guest-star! "Nuff said!"
- **BATTLESTAR GALACTICA** #13 — Adama is freed from the Memory Machine!
- **MASTER OF KUNG FU** #86 — Part IV of "The Return of Fu Manchu!" Sheng-Chi takes a ride on a runaway UFO!
- **INCREDIBLE HULK** #246 — The Hulk returns to Gamma Base and disaster follows!
- **AVENGERS** #193 — The Avengers take on Inferno, the Creature from the Arg-Furnace, in an epic set in Pittsburgh!
- **CONAN** #108 — Conan faces a fierce cannibal tribe. Barbarian action as you like it!
- **MARVEL TALES** #113 — Re-presenting Amazing Spider-Man #136. The Green Goblin lives again!
- **X-MEN** #131 — Guest-starring the Dazzler! The X-Men take on the Knights of Hellfire in Chicago!
- **FANTASTIC FOUR** #216 — FF vs. Blastar!
- **MARVEL TEAM-UP** #91 — Spider-Man and Ghost Rider! "Nuff Said!"
- **IRON MAN** #132 — Iron Man battles the Hulk! He sure is getting around this month!
- **PETER PARKER** #40 — Spider-Man becomes the Spider-Lizard. Can Curt Connors cure him and save Manhattan?
- **MARVEL SPOTLIGHT** #6 — Introducing the Dragon-Lord!
- **AMAZING ADVENTURES** #4 — Re-presenting X-Men #2. Conclusion of X-Men vs. Vanisher. Plus: The origin of Cyclops continues.
- **TALES TO ASTONISH** #4 — Re-presenting Sub-Mariner #4. Attuma strikes!
- **STAR WARS** #33 — Luke's showdown with Baron Tagge: "Saber Clash!"
- **GHOST RIDER** #42 — Johnny Blaze overcomes his amnesia to find himself up against the Jackal Gang.

- **DEFENDERS** #81 — The Original Defenders fight the Unnamed Enemy in the Tunnelworld!
- **FANTASY MASTERPIECES** #4 — Re-presenting Silver Surfer #4, guest-starring Thor, Loki, and the gods of Asgard.
- **MARVEL'S GREATEST COMICS** #88 — Re-presenting Fantastic Four #106. "The Monster's Secret!"
- **MARVEL SUPER ACTION** #17 — Re-presenting Avengers #58. "Even An Android Can Cry!"
- **THE SAVAGE SHE-HULK** #2 — A powerful story! The death of She-Hulk's closest friend.
- **HULK** #19 — Special "Inside-The-Hulk's-Mind" issue. Also reprinting the Hulk classic "Heaven is A Very Small Place."
- **HOWARD THE DUCK** #3 — Special Christmas issue, Howard vs. Sagpa? Nah, couldn't be. Or could it?
- **TOMB OF DRACULA** #3 — The Lord of Darkness in eerie action, plus photos, features and articles!
- **SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN** #49 — "Conan the Liberator: Part III." Based on the novel by DeCamp and Carter.
- **CRAZY** #69 — More of the usual weirdness from Marvel's wild and crazy comedy crew!
- **MARVEL SUPER SPECIAL** #16 — This is it! The event that everyone's been waiting for! Stan Lee presents *STAR TREK, The Motion Picture*, adapted in comics form by top Marvel stars Marv Wolfman, Dave Cockrum and Klaus Janson. Don't miss it!

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BUCKLING ACTION? THEN DON'T MISS
A SINGLE THRILLING ISSUE OF

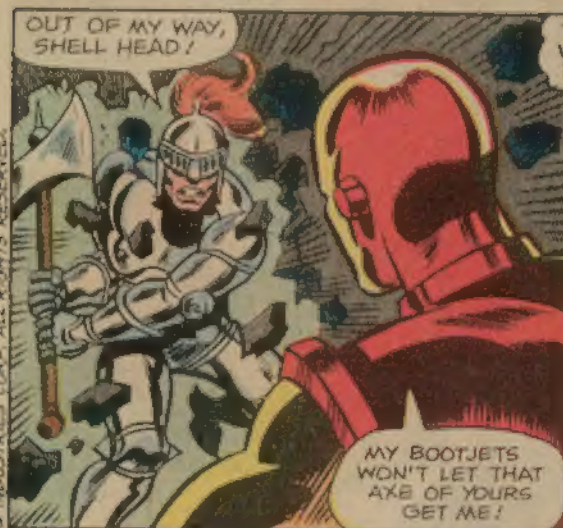
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MOMENTS LATER, IT IS AN EXHAUSTED SPIDER-MAN WHO DRAGS A SEEMINGLY LIFELESS CURT CONNORS ONTO THE SHORE BENEATH ROTTING WEST SIDE PIERS...

DOC CONNORS IS OUT COLD! HE MUST'VE SWALLOWED HALF THE HUDSON RIVER!



I'VE GOTTA ACT FAST IF I'M TO SAVE THE LIFE OF A MAN WHO'S SAVED MY LIFE MORE TIMES THAN I CARE TO COUNT!



INHALING THE BITING DECEMBER AIR, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN EXHALES IT WITH ALL HIS MIGHT DEEP INTO THE LUNGS OF HIS UNCONSCIOUS FRIEND...



C'MON, DOC-- BREATHE!

TIME AFTER TIME, THE WALL-CRAWLER REPEATS THE PROCESS, FIGHTING THE PANIC THAT RISES WITHIN HIM!



SLOW AND STEADY! BREATHE IN, BREATHE OUT! I'M NOT GONNA LET YOU DIE, DOC!

YOU HEAR ME? I'M NOT GONNA LET YOU DIE!!

FINALLY...



DOC CONNORS! YOU'RE ALIVE!!

T-THANKS TO YOU, SPIDER-MAN...

AS THE NEW DAY DAWNS, TWO TIRED FORMS HELP EACH OTHER TO THEIR FEET...



C'MON, DOC! I'LL HELP YOU HOME!

IMAGINE THE TIME WE'RE GOING TO HAVE EXPLAINING THIS TO MY WIFE!

BUT, IN AN ABANDONED AUTO BODY SHOP ON A SEEDY DOWNTOWN STREET AS YET UNILLUMINATED BY THE RISING SUN, A FEARSOME CONCLAVE HAS MET TO PLOT NEW NIGHTMARES FOR OUR WONDROUS WEB-SLINGER!



I ASSUME I'VE PROVEN MY POWER SUFFICIENTLY! NOW, GENTLEMEN--

--MAY WE PROCEED WITH THE MORE PRESSING BUSINESS AT HAND?

THE COMPLETE AND UTTER DESTRUCTION
OF OUR MUTUAL ENEMIES, **SPIDER-MAN**
AND THE **FANTASTIC FOUR**,
BY THE ALL-NEW, ALL-POWERFUL...

FRIGHTFUL FOUR!

YEAH! MAYBE
THIS TIME WE
REALLY GOT A
CHANCE OF
WINNIN'!

WE WILL BE
INVINCIBLE!
FOR WHO CAN
STAND AGAINST
THE COMBINED
MIGHT OF THE
WINGLESS
WIZARD, THE
SINISTER
SANDMAN,
THE TERRIBLE
TRAPSTER...
AND THE
AWESOME
ELECTRO???

WHAT ARE WE
WAITING FOR?
LET'S GET
STARTED!

MEANWHILE, WEB-SLINGING HIS WEARY WAY
HOME...

CURT CONNORS
SEEMS STILL
CURED OF
BECOMING THE
LIZARD, AND
I'M BACK TO
NORMAL!

THE NIGHTMARE'S
FINALLY OVER!
NOW MAYBE I CAN
GET SOME SLEEP!

REST WHILE YOU
MAY, SPIDER-MAN,
FOR SOON YOU
MUST FACE...

THE MACABRE MENACE OF METEOR MAN

...AND THEN FEAR
FOLLOWS IN THE
FOOTSTEPS OF THE
**FRIGHTFUL
FOUR!**